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VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, UR, US, GW

SUBJECT: SALT: INITIAL FRG REACTION TO US PRESENTATION

AT NATO

1. DURING VISIT TO BONN OF PM DIRECTOR WEISS, DISARMA-  
MENT COMMISSIONER ROTH AND FOREIGN OFFICE GENERAL/STRA-  
TEGIC DISARMAMENT DEPT DIRECTOR ANDREAE COMMENTED ON  
AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S NOVEMBER 12 SALT PRESENTATION AT  
NATO. BOTH ROTH AND ANDREAE EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE AT  
THE "EXTREME SOVIET DRAFT", PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF  
1974 TIMETABLE FOR SALT-II AGREEMENT ENVISAGED IN LAST  
JUNE'S US/SOVIET DECLARATION OF SALT PRINCIPLES. IN  
THIS CONNECTION, THE GERMANS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION  
WITH COMMENTS OF AMBASSADOR JOHNSON AND MR. WEISS THAT  
THE US HAD NO INTENTION OF ACCEPTING A SALT II AGREEMENT  
UNSATISFACTORY IN TERMS OF US OR ALLIANCE INTERESTS.  
THE GERMANS WELCOMED ASSURANCES OF JOHNSON AND WEISS THAT  
WASHINGTON WOULD NOT PERMIT ITSELF TO BE RUSHED BY 1974  
TARGET DATE. ROTH TENDED TO SEE TOUGH SOVIET DRAFT ON  
SALT AS COMPANION PIECE TO INITIAL RUSSIAN MBFR DRAFT  
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TABLED IN VIENNA. HE SAW BOTH SOVIET DOCUMENTS AS  
DEVICES TO PROBE FURTHER CONCERNING WESTERN FLEXIBILITY  
ON SALT AND MBFR.

2. IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH WEISS, ROTH EMPHASIZED THAT

THERE MUST BE NO CONFUSION BETWEEN FBS ISSUE IN SALT AND WESTERN MIXED PACKAGE IDEA IN MBFR. HE TERMED THESE TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS.

3. FURTHER ADDRESSING FBS, ROTH TOLD WEISS HE WAS INCLINED TO THINK THIS ISSUE WOULD TEND TO PARTLY FADE AWAY IN THE YEARS TO COME, PARTICULARLY IF AND WHEN TRIDENT WAS DEPLOYED TO THE ATLANTIC, THUS REDUCING THE IMPORTANCE US BASES IN SPAIN AND SCOTLAND.  
HILLENBRAND

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